MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Do Government insist on the rule of 55?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): They do, except in the case of ministerial servants who may be retained in service up to 60 years of age.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Is that the general rule?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): They may be allowed extensions up to the 60th year.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): I find stated here that the allegation was found to be false. Am I to take it that Government went by the other statement, that is, the statement of the person concerned?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government took into account the probabilities of the case.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*); May I know the probabilities of the case except that it was Mr. Padmanabha Aiyar who could not have made a false statement?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): That is an insinuation.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): There is also the entry in the other service book, which is also stated to be false?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: I want to draw your attention to the fact that if you do not insist on the Government going by the Palace service book, the position of the Government is perfectly clear.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): There might be other documents as well. Government are now making the statement that the petitioner's allegation was false. There has never been a statement that the allegation was substantiated.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: That is alright. You need not pursue it. In the light of the information before the Government the allegation was found to be false. If other statements were given Government would have looked into them.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Government could have come to the conclusion that Mr. Padmanabha Aiyar's statement was false and the other was correct.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: You have to accept the judgment of the Government that the allegation is false. If fresh materials were placed before them they would have enquired into them. Now you have to accept their view. Do not proceed to cross-examine.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): The matter is quite clear. I don't want to pursue it.

Punishment of assistant Masters of Vilavurkal Primary School.

107. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum cum Neduvangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether the assistant masters of Vilavurkal Primary School, who were examined as witnesses

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in connection with an enquiry held by the Assistant Inspector regarding an allegation made against an assistant masters of that school were punished by the Officer in charge of the Office of the Inpector of Vernacular Schools for their ignorance of things said to have happened outside the school?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No.

Inspector of Mahomedan Schools.

108. **MR. H. B. MAHOMED ROWTHER** (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Inspector of Mahomedan Schools is now (17-4-1106) on leave and whether any one has yet been appointed to do his duties?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Mr. S. Mahomed Sulaiman B. A., Inspector of Mahomedan Schools, is on combined privilege and sick leave from the 2nd Chingom 1106 and Mr. A. Ahamed Kunju B. A., has been appointed to act for him. Mr. Ahamed Kunju took charge of his office on 17-6-1106.

Vacancies in the Secretariat not filled up.

109. **MR. D. C. JOSEPH** (*Agastisvaram*): (1) Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the number of permanent vacancies in the cadre of First, Second and Third Class clerks of the Secretariat remaining unfilled up till 1-7-1106?

(2) Will they be pleased to state the reasons for not filling them up?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (1) 3 vacancies in the First Class and 6 vacancies in the Third Class.

(2) All the nine vacancies have been filled up.

Dispensaries opened since the creation of the Administrative Board, Medical Services.

110. **MR. V. J. OOMMEN** (*Commerce and Industry, North*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the number of dispensaries opened since the creation of the Administrative Board, Medical Services?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): The member is referred to the statement laid on the table in answer to Mr. Tariatu Kunjitomman's Interpellation No. 353, published at page 638 of the Proceedings of the Council held on the 26th April 1929—Volume XIV, No. 8. In addition to the dispensaries mentioned in the said statement, two new dispensaries were opened at Palode and Ranni in 1105.

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